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SUBJ: MBFR: DATA DISAGGREGATION: JUNE 13 SPC MEETING AND UK
PAPER

REF: A) NATO 5316 DTG 141818Z JUN 77

B) NATO 5277 DTG 140920Z JUN 77

C) NATO 4794 DTG 061059 ZJUN 77

1. WE AGREE WITH BRITISH VIEW, AS REPORTED REF A, PARA 2,
THAT SPC SHOULD NOT BEGIN WORK ON DISCLAIMERS AND OTHER
QUESTIONS, INCLUDING FRAMEWORK OF THE INITIAL PROPOSAL, UNTIL
THE OVERALL MANNER OF THE DATA EXCHANGE HAS BEEN DECIDED. THE
WAY IN WHICH MOST OF THE OTHER ISSUES WILL ULTIMATELY BE RESOLVED
(AND IN SOME CASES, WHETHER THEY WILL BE ADDRESSED AT ALL) WILL
DEPEND ON WHETHER THE GERMANS ULTIMATELY AGREE TO NATIONAL
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DESIGNATIONS FOR RESIDUAL PERSONNEL OR NOT.

2. ACCORDINGLY, WE BELIEVE US SHOULD, AT LEAST INITIALLY,
TAKE THE POSITION IN THE SPC THAT WORK ON THESE OTHER ISSUES
SHOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL THE SHAPE OF THE OVERALL PROPOSAL IS
CLEARER. IN THE EVENT THE OTHER ALLIES STRONGLY SUPPORT THE FRG
PROPOSAL TO WORK ON OTHER ISSUES, WE BELIEVE US SHOULD SEEK TO

CONFINE DISCUSSION AT THIS STAGE TO THE GENERAL DISCLAIMERS DIRECTLY RELATING TO THE DATA DISCUSSION, AS OUTLINED IN PARA 4 SIC OF FRG PAPER (REF C).

3. AS MISSION HAS NOTED, THESE GENERAL DISCLAIMERS ARE BROADLY THE SAME AS THOSE PROPOSED EARLIER BY THE US AND ARE GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE IN THEIR PRESENT FORM. SUCH DISCLAIMERS WOULD BE NEEDED FOR A DATA DISCUSSION WHATEVER THE FORM OF THE PROPOSAL PUT FORWARD BY THE WEST AND FOR THAT REASON CAN BE TAKEN UP BY THE SPC SEPARATELY FROM THE OVERALL PROPOSAL.

4. HOWEVER, IN OUR VIEW, THE US SHOULD OPPOSE ANY DISCUSSION AT THIS POINT OF THE OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE FRG PAPER (E.G. ADDITIONAL DISCLAIMERS, PRINCIPLES OF DATA DISCUSSIO, ARGUMENTS TO BE MADE TO THE EAST, SPECIFIC DISCLAIMERS, ETC., AS WELL AS BROADER ISSUES OF PHASE II REDUCTION COMMITMENTS AND UNIT REDUCTIONS) ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE NEED FOR GUIDANCE ON THESE POINTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN THE LIGHT OF THE DATA PROPOSAL AS A WHOLE.

5. FRG PROPOSALS ON ALL THESE ISSUES PRESENT CONSIDERABLE SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS. AMONG OTHER THINGS, DELEGATION HAS STRONG RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE MODALITIES OF THE DATA DISCUSSION PROPOSED BY THE FRG (PARA 6 AND 7, REF C). THESE WILL BE DISCUSSED IN GREATER DETAIL IN A SEPARATE MESSAGE TOGETHER WITH SOME POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE WAYS OF HANDLING THE PROBLEM. BRIEFLY STATED, DELEGATION BELIEVES THAT TO ACCEPT BLANKET FRG PROHIBITION AGAINST ALL MENTION OF NATIONAL TOTALS (EASTERN AS WELL AS WESTERN) WOULD CREATE GREAT DIFFICULTIES IN THE DATA DISCUSSION AND IN
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THE PROCESS TIE IT CLOSELY TO THE OVERALL POSITION OF EACH SIDE.

6. FOR THIS REASON, WE WOULD DISAGREE WITH CONCLUSION OF UK PAPER (REF B, PARA 7) THAT ARGUMENTS EVEN QUOTE BROADLY ON THE LINES OF THOSE CONTAINED IN PARA 6 AND 7 OF FRG PAPER
END QUOTE ARE ACCEPTABLE.

7. WE AGREE WITH USNATO'S RESISTANCE TO DRAFTING NEW LANGUAGE ON EXISTING ALLIANCE POSITIONS, E.G. PHASE II REDUCTION COMMITMENTS AND UNIT REDUCTIONS (REF A, PARA 6). (DELEGATION VIEWS ON THESE ISSUES ARE BEING TRANSMITTED SEPTELS).RESOR

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